THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) No, Sir. Central Sector Cattle Insurance Scheme was launched in the year 2000 on pilot basis in eight selected districts of the country *viz.* Nagaur (Rajasthan), Gumla (Jharkhand), Ratlam (Madhya Pradesh), Yavatmal (Maharashtra), Dharamapuri (Tamil Nadu), Mahboobnagar (Andhra Pradesh), Jajpur (Orissa), Lakhimpur Kheri (Uttar Pradesh). The scheme has not been approved for continuation in the X-Plan.

(b) to (d) Question does not arise.

Enforcement of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980

†*465. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that developmental activities have been affected badly in tribal areas, due to enforcement of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of Government thereto;

(c) whether Government would consider making the Act flexible, so that development activities in tribal areas are not affected; and

(d) if so, what would be the nature thereof?

THE MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T. R. BAALU): (a) to (d) Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 regulates diversion of forest lands for non-forestry purpose for maintaining integrity of forest cover. Forests provide several usufructs in meeting the sustenance of livelihood needs of the tribals including food during lean period. The act, being regulatory in nautre, has enough flexibility to permit development activities beneficial to the tribals living in the forests or on the forest fringes without causing permanent damage to the forest eco-system.

Decline in consumption of foodgrains

*466. SHRI RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the per capita consumption of foodgrains during the period 1980-1990 and 1990-2000, separately;

(b) whether it is a fact that per capita consumption of foodgrains is on the decline; and

(c) if so, Government's reaction in this regard?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) Details of per capita net availability of foodgrains in the country during the period 1980-1990 and 1990-2000 separately are enclosed as Statement-I (*See* below) Information on per capita consumption of foodgrains is not compiled.

(b) and (c) The per capita net availability of foodgrains fluctuates from year to year due to fluctuation in production of foodgrains, population, imports/ exports and stocks of foodgrains with FCI. Decline in per capita net availability of foodgrains in recent years is mainly because of increase in stocks with the Food Corporation of India. Food habits of the people have also undergone a change over a period of time. Surveys undertaken by the NSSO reveal that per capita expenditure on cereals, in total expenditure on food items, has declined over time, while that on non cereals has increased. Details are given as Statement-II.

Statement-I

Per Capita Net Availability of Foodgrains in India

Year	Foodgrains (GMs / day)	Foodgrains (Kgs. / year)
1980	411.3	150.2
1981	454.3	166.0
1982	455.1	166.1
1983	437.0	159.5
1984	479.4	175.0
1985	453.4	165.5
1986	477.5	174.3
1987	471.2	172.0
1988	447.6	163.4
1989	493.4	180.1
1990	472.6	172.5
1991	510.1	186.2
1992	468.8	171.1
1993	464.1	169.4
1994	471.2	172.0
1995	495.5	180.8
1996	476.2	173.8
1997	505.5	184.5
1998	450.3	164.4
1999	470.4	171.7
2000	460.2	168.0

NOTE: The net availability of foodgrains is estimated to be Gross Production (-) seed, feed & wastage, (-) exports (+) imports, (+) change in stocks.

The net availablility of foodgrains divided by the population estimates for a particular year indicates per capita availability of foodgrains interms of Kg/year. Net Availability, thus worked out further divided by the number of days in a year i.e. 365 days gives us net availability of foodgrains in terms of grams/day.

Figures in respect of per capita net availability given above are not strictly respresentative of actual level of consumption in the country, especially as they do not take into account any change in stocks in possession of traders, producers and consumers.

For calculation of per capita net availability, the figures of net imports from 1981 to 1994 are based on imports and exports on Government of India account only. Net imports from 1995 onwards are based on the total exports and imports (on Government as well as private accounts).

Statement-II

Per Capita Expenditure on Cereals & Non-Cereals

Percentage share of monthly per capita expenditure on cereals in total expenditure on food items		
	% Exp. in cereals	
	Urban	*Rural*
1972-73	36.12	55.69
1977-78	34.17	51.01
1983-84	32.83	49.24
1987-88	26.6	41.09
1993-94	25.59	38.29
1999-2000	25.78	37.37
Percentage share of monthly per capita expenditure on Non-cereals in total expenditure on food items		
	% Exp. in non-cereals	
1972-73	63.88	44.30
1977-78	65.83	48.99
1983-84	67.17	50.76
1987-88	73.4	58.91
1993-94	74.41	61.71
1999-2000	74.22	62.63